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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
March 31, DEVOYHURST, Dutch steamer, 1,633, from Hongkong, Singapore 19th March, Sugar.
JARDINE, MATTHEW & CO.
March 31, FURUKAWA, British steamer, 674, H. Harris, from Taiwan 25th March, Amoy 29th, and Swatow 30th, General—DOVOYAS LA-PAIK & CO.
March 31, SWAN, American brig, 270, O'Keefe, from Yaw via Pulo 12th March, General—F. BLACKHEAD & CO.
March 31, BILLY SIMPSON, British bark, 420, from Brown, Sandakan 12th March, Timor—APLAIN.
March 31, CATTERTHORN, British steamer, 1,437, from W. D. Darke, R.N.R., Saigon 27th March, Rangoon—RUSSELL & CO.
March 31, TACHIKAWA, British steamer, 862, J. Newton, Hongkong 23rd March, Rangoon—YUEN FAT HONG.
March 31, BERLEHON, British str., 1,396, W. E. Guthrie, London and Singapore 24th March, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
March 31, MARY STUART, British bark, 484, P. C. Thompson, Sandakan 21st February, Timor—MASTERS.
March 31, HATTE E. TAPPEL, British bark, 407, R. Traut, Sandakan 21st February, Timor—CHINESE.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.
31st MARCH.
O. H. Kinn, British str., for Swatow.
Amoy, Chinese str., for Singapore.
Signal, German str., for Hainan.
Yongfeng, British str., for Saigon.
Fukien, British str., for Shanghai.
Fukien, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
Killymore, British str., for Swatow.
Alvina, German str., for Fuzhou.

DEPARTURES.

March 31, H. PRINZBERG, German bark, for Rangoon.
March 31, PAKTIDG, British steamer, for Hainan.
March 31, DANBEN, British str., for Haiphong.
March 31, TRITON, German str., for Saigon.
March 31, KILPATRICK, British str., for Bangkok.
March 31, PALINURUS, British str., for Shanghai.
March 31, SARAH HIGGINS, American ship, for London.
March 31, E. D. KIDDER, Am. bk., for New York.
March 31, FURUKAWA, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
March 31, FUKIEN, British str., for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Devoyhurst, str., from Singapore—23 Chinese.
Per Swan, str., from Yaw, &c.—Mr. H. Emery, Per Furukawa, str., from Taiwan, &c.—Mr. & Mrs. Le Beclon, Messrs. Becker and Choy Yunglin and 250 Chinese.
Per Cattethorn, str., from Saigon—4 Chinese.
Per Billy Simpson, bark, from Sandakan—6 Chinese.
Per Killymore, str., from London, &c.—3 Europeans.
Per Tachikawa, str., from Bangkok—22 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamer *Relphophon*, from London and Singapore 24th March, reports from London and Singapore that strong N.E. breeze on the 26th, 27th, and 28th March.
The Dutch steamer *Devoyhurst*, from Batavia and Singapore 24th March, reports from Singapore that strong N.E. and N. winds and a high sea, latter part moderate.
The British bark *Cattethorn*, from Saigon 25th March, reports from Cape St. James to Padang report steady gales with head sea, thence to Hongkong moderate and light winds and fine, clear weather; thence dense fog till arrival in port.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.
SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbor, any of the Company's vessels should be in need of repairs, they should apply to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.
In the event of complaints being found necessary, communication should be made to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.
D. GILLIES, Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th August, 1886.

NOTICE.

The undersigned have been appointed Sole Agents for the Sale of their Goods in Hongkong and China by Messrs. J. & R. TAYLOR, Glasgow, and Messrs. DAVID COHEN & SONS, Aberdeen.
ARNOLD, KARBBER & CO.
Hongkong, January, 1887.

NOW READY.

THE KUNG HO CHIH YU WALTZ, and THE FEICHO WALTZES,
By C. C. HENDERSON, published by SYDENHAM MOUTRIE, THE PIANOFORTE and MUSIC WAREHOUSE, Shanghai, 12th January, 1887.

INTIMATIONS.

RENEWAL OF POLICIES in the STANDARD LIFE OFFICE—30 days are allowed for the payment of the renewal premium in all cases, and 13 months under Policies of 5 years standing, without medical certificate, on payment of a moderate fine; and if death occurs within these 13 months, it is the Company's practice to pay the amount assured, under deduction of the unpaid premiums and fines. After the 13 months the Policy is forfeited, but the surrender value remains available for 3 years, as explained in the Company's Prospectus. Policies of less than 5 years standing may also be renewed after the expiry of 30 days on liberal conditions.

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contention that the merits of an Ordinance
are dependent on its length.

That the Bill will pass there can be no
doubt. The Government, we take it, will
gladly meet the contention of the dealers
on all matters of detail, but as to the pro-
hibition of dealings in quantities of less than
one chest they are evidently acting under
orders from home and will carry the measure
by the official majority. It is a
case of Hobson's choice. The only point
of interest remaining in the discussion is
the question whether the Bill will really
prove so harmful to the interests of the
opium dealers and to the interests of the
colony as is contended. Mr. FRANCIS's
arguments on this point were characterised by
much ingenuity, but they are not very con-
vincing. We cannot believe the interests of
the colony are so dependent on the retail
opium trade as he tried to make out, nor
that the passing of the Bill will herald the
creation of a rival Hongkong under the
shadow of the Chinese Custom House at
Kowloon. It is true it will be necessary for
dealers who wish to sell a small number of
bags to divide their chests at the Custom
House, but that establishment will be within
half-an-hour's reach of this city. It may
be that one or more agencies will be es-
tablished near the Custom House for the
purpose of passing the opium through, but
it is not probable that the merchants will
in a body remove their establishments there.
To do so they would have to sacrifice much
more than they would gain. That some of
the retail trade will be lost to the colony
must, we fear, be recognised. People at
Fatsien, for instance, will not send to Hong-
kong for small quantities of three or four
bags when they can obtain them on equally
good terms from Canton. The advantage
which this colony has derived from the dis-
count hitherto allowed at the Hopo's
stations will disappear, and with it the trade
trade these advantages have attracted. But
Hongkong will still continue to be the point
of distribution for the district of which it
is the natural centre. All that it will lose
will be the trade which has been attracted
from the Treaty ports by the advantages hitherto
offered there; this trade will naturally revert
to those ports as a consequence of the Ad-
ditional Article and quite independently of
the Bill now before the Council. But the
supplies will in the first instance still
have to be drawn from this colony, the
only difference being that they will go in
shipments of one or more chests instead of,
as in some cases now, quantities of a few
bags at a time. The most that can be lost
is a little third or fourth commission busi-
ness. On the other hand very substantial
advantages will be gained. Foreign steamers
will participate to a larger extent than now
in the profits of the legitimate opium
carrying trade, while the enormous loss to
which they have hitherto been liable (there
were several cases at Saigon recently) will
no longer be incurred. At the same time
the main evil of the blockade will be done
away with. It has been quite suddenly dis-
covered by some parties that these evils are
really nothing more than smoke. Are they?
A typical case was brought up at the last
meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. There
was a disposition shown at the time to make
a good deal of it, but the Chairman of the
Chamber has since stated from his place in
the Legislative Council that there was a
typical case. The circumstances were simply
these, that a junk which refused to pay an
illegal squag was detained for two days.
What would be said in this colony if a vessel
were detained by the Harbour Department
here under similar circumstances? Is not the
hardship on junks proportionately as great?
And for one case in which the squag was
successfully resisted is it not reasonable to
suppose there may have been many in which
it was paid? Now that the stations are
passing into the hands of the Foreign Collec-
torate the levying of illegal squags will ne-
cessarily come to an end, but the rigour of
the search that would be instituted in the absence
of the proposed regulations in this colony and
the attendant delay would be even greater
hardship than the sporadic injustice of the
Hopo's régime. In addition to this, as
has already been pointed out, steamers
leaving Hongkong would also be subjected
to more stringent regulations at the Treaty
Ports of China, and the special privileges
enjoyed by the Canton-Liverpool steamers
would be withdrawn.

We are informed by the Acting Superintendent
of the H. & O. S. M. that the steamer
"Bokhar," with the next outward English mail,
left Singapore on Wednesday, the 20th inst.,
at 5 p.m. for this port.

The Portuguese gunboat "Tangara," which left
here on the 18th March for Timor to assist in
quelling the uprising of the natives in that
district, arrived at Singapore on the 27th. The
"Correio da Manhã" said that could have been the
reason for the gunboat going off Singapore,
that being the longer route.

The Bangkok papers say:—The two Polo-
nians missionaries who were lately rewarded by
His Majesty the King for their benevolent treat-
ment of the natives from the late late rebellion,
were Mr. Cooper, who received a massive
gold pencil case, and the Rev. Mr. Dunlop, who
was rewarded with a heavy gold chain.

The Diario de Governo of Lisbon of the 11th
February publishes a notification to the effect
that on the proposition of the Minister of Marine
and Commerce, the Government have decreed
that the Order of the Portuguese Empire
Ordem Militar de Nossa Senhora da Conceicao
da Villa Vicosa upon the Very Rev. Nicolai I.
Theophilos Pinta, honorary canon of the Sea of
Varna and Superior of the Portuguese Mission at
Singapore. We congratulate the very gen-
tleman upon the high distinction which his Govern-
ment has conferred upon him.

A meeting was to be held at Shanghai on
Monday, the 28th March, to consider the best
means of celebrating the Jubilee of Her Majesty
Queen Victoria in the British Settlement.
Various schemes have been suggested for the
purpose, the chief of which appear to be
a clock tower for the Cathedral, Public
Gardens, to which the Chinese would also be ad-
mitted. A. T. Cooper, Esq., the correspon-
dent of the paper, strongly supports the
latter project, but the Shanghai residents
have also long wished for the completion of their
Cathedral.

About noon yesterday the Police discovered
that two junks having on board a considerable
quantity of opium were about to leave Gibb's
Wharf and proceed to the open sea. The junks
were laden with opium, and the crew consisted
of about 100 men. The junks were brought
before the Magistrate this morning, on a charge of
having junks in their possession, without being
holders of night passes.

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